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This book traces the history of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching from its founding in 1906 through 1979. A 1999 foreword by the current president of the Foundation notes the influence of the book and briefly updates the foundation's history. The foreword reiterates the book's judgment that the foundation's policies typically have supported the value of efficiency and the privileges of professional expertise over representative democracy, of standardization over local variation, of policy over practice, and of private over public concerns. Individual chapters have the following titles: (1) "Andrew Carnegie and the Gospel of Wealth"; (2) "Henry Smith Pritchett and the Gospel of Efficiency"; (3) "Founding the Foundation"; (4) "Surveying the Professions"; (5) "Systematizing Educational Measurements"; (6) "Renewing the Foundation"; (7) "Corporate vs. State Responsibility: Henry Pritchett and 'The Social Philosophy of Pensions'"; and (8) "Central vs. Local Control: The Carnegie Foundation and Its Critics". (Individual chapters contain references.) (DB)

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